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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yang, et al.

Appl. No. : 09/921,013

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For : **NOVEL MICROORGANISM
ISOLATED FROM CHINESE
ELM (ULMUS SP.) AND
PROCESS FOR PREPARING
EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES BY
EMPLOYING THE
MICROORGANISM**

Examiner : Vera Aframova

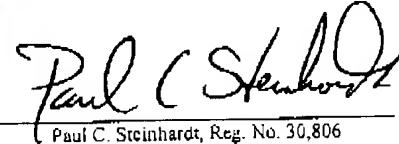
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Kindly consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2002. A two-month extension of time is hereby requested.